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**ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
***ACTION MINUTES***

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March 6, 2003

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**Members Present**

Clark, Margaret	Rosemead
Cook, Debbie	Huntington Beach
Eckenrode, Norman	Placentia
Feinstein, Michael	Santa Monica
Miller, Michael	West Covina
Nelson, Larry	Artesia
Roth, Neil	Lawndale
Rutherford, Mark	Westlake Village
Van Arsdale, Lori	Hemet
Washburn, Dennis	Calabasas
Young, Toni (Chair)	Port Hueneme

**Members Absent**

Forester, Larry	Signal Hill
Kuiper, Hank (Vice Chair)	Imperial
Streator, Joyce	Pasadena

**New Members**

Krause, Mary Ann	Santa Paula
Marchand, Paul	Cathedral City

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Toni Young, Chair, called the meeting of the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) to order at 10:30 a.m.

**2.0 MEMBERS PRESENT and MEMBERS ABSENT**

Attachment

**2.0 INTRODUCTIONS and PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Committee welcomed new members:

- ♦ Mary Ann Krause, Santa Paula
- ♦ Paul Marchand, Cathedral City

**3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA**

**4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**4.1 Approval Item**

4.1.1 Action Minutes – February 6, 2003

**4.2 Receive and File**

4.2.1 Semi-Monthly Intergovernmental Review (IGR) Report: Areawide Clearinghouse Listing Environmental Document Listing and Amendments to Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

*Motion to Approve Consent Calendar by Van Arsdale, Seconded Washburn, then UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Committee.*

**5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**5.1 U.S EPA Grant Request**

Molly Hoffman, SCAG Staff, reported that SCAG is seeking approval from the Regional Council (3/6/03) to submit a grant application under the U.S. EPA's Science to Achieve Results (S.T.A.R) program. The grant would fund the project up to \$250k for a total of three years to study air quality impacts from changes in land use and transportation systems.

Approval of the grant would afford SCAG the opportunity to explore how changes in development could affect emission reductions by identifying alternative modes of travel, as well as, bringing housing, jobs and recreation into close proximity, reducing average daily trips, vehicle miles traveled and overall emissions.

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- 5.2 Update: Compass/Growth Visioning  
Mark Butala, SCAG Staff, reported on recent developments relative to Compass/Growth Visioning including:

- ◆ Compass Project Media Launch
- ◆ Launch of Compass Website ([www.socalcompass.org](http://www.socalcompass.org))
- ◆ Compass Speakers Bureau
- ◆ Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
- ◆ Compass Workshops
- ◆ Criteria and Evaluation Process

Also introduced were a set of draft performance indicators created to analyze the eventual scenarios resulting from the Growth Visioning workshops. The Energy and Environment Committee provided feedback for refinement of the indicators.

- 5.3 Update: PILUT RTP/EIR  
Ted Harris, SCAG Staff, described the theory and methodology of the PILUT process as it relates to the RTP/EIR and provided a general overview.

Jennifer Merrick, SCAG Staff, provided additional information pertaining to environmental factors. A benefit of the PILUT process is that it allows the EIR to be done concurrently with the Compass/Growth Visioning and RTP.

Brett Sears, SCAG Staff, focused on the EIR timeline and process.

**6.0 WATER POLICY TASK FORCE REPORT**

Dennis Washburn invited members of the Energy and Environment Committee to join the W.P.T.F. New members were also announced. The next meeting is April 10, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Discussion will include GIS use for water quality assessment and an update on the Colorado River.

**7.0 SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE REPORT**

Next meeting is March 13, 2003. Discussion will include electronic waste and landfill capacity.

**8.0 CHAIRS' REPORT**

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**9.0    STAFF REPORT**

Upcoming agenda topics

- ◆ South Coast Air Quality Management Plan
- ◆ Environmental Justice
- ◆ Land Use through the Growth Visioning Process

**10.0   COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHARING**

Michael Feinstein shared information on legislation that may affect the composition of the AQMD.

**11.0   COMMENT PERIOD**

None

**12.0   ADJOURNMENT**

Committee adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on April 3, 2003 in the SCAG offices.

Approved by:



**Rich Macias, Manager  
Aviation and Environmental Planning**